

ABSTRACT

Utility Meter

- 5 From a first aspect, a utility meter is provided and comprises: means for measuring the consumption of a utility; a housing for the measuring means, wherein the housing has a user input area that is touch sensitive. The meter further comprises: a sensor means associated with the touch sensitive area; and a processing means in communication with the sensor means and adapted to interpret an input in the touch sensitive area.
- 10 Preferably, the touch sensitive area is a surface of a predefined part of the housing. In one embodiment, there is a sensor means that is a capacitive touch sensor that is associated with the touch sensitive area. From another aspect, a utility meter is provided and comprises: means for measuring the consumption of a utility; a housing for the measuring means: two input terminals and two output terminals on the housing,
- 15 at least one of the input and output terminals being connected to the consumption measuring means, and the at least one of the input and output terminals are arranged on the housing in a non-linear configuration.

[Figure 1]